

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 17-19, and 23-30 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 3 and 4 are non-substantively amended to correct a grammatical error. Claims 1, 10-16, 20-22, 31, and 32 are canceled. No new matter is added.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

The claim amendments non-substantively correct a minor grammatical error, and, therefore, require no further search and consideration. All presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

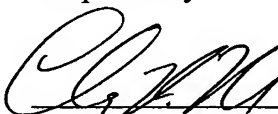
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 2-9, 17-19, and 23-30, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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